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BEGIN SUMMARY: LONG COMMUNIQUE ISSUED APRIL 24 FOLLOWING
SEKOU TOURE'S VISIT TO LIBYA PAYS SCANT ATTENTION TO BILATERAL
AFFAIRS AND FOCUSES ON INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND ON
PLAUDITS FOR THE SUCCESSES OF THE LIBYAN AND GUINEAN REVOLU-
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TIONS. POSSIBLE INVOLVEMENT IN WESTERN SAHARA/ERITREAN
MEDIATION EFFORT WAS RAISED AS WAS MOVE TO ABOLISH VETO IN
THE SECURITY COUNCIL. END SUMMARY.

1. JOINT COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED IN TRIPOLI AND CONAKRY
A DAY AFTER APRIL 23 CONCLUSION OF GUINEA PRESIDENT
SEKOU TOURE'S VISIT TO LIBYA. DISCUSSION OF BILATERAL

AFFAIRS LIMITED TO ONE PARAGRAPH WHICH NOTES THAT BOTH LEADERS "FULLY SATISFIED" WITH THE DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. THE REALIZATION THAT ECONOMICS IS QUOTE ONE OF THE MAIN SUPPORTS FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THEIR LIBERATION STRUGGLE UNQUOTE RESULTED IN THE SIGNING OF THE MINUTES OF AN AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN GUINEA AND LIBYA. AS CUSTOMARY WITH ECONOMIC AGREEMENTS, NO DETAILS WERE GIVEN.

2. REMAINDER OF COMMUNIQUE DEALT WITH INTERNATIONAL AND ISLAMIC AFFAIRS. IN THE AFRICAN SPHERE, COMMUNIQUE SPELLED OUT ONCE AGAIN FAMILIAR QADHAFI THEME CONDEMNING QUOTE THE IMPERIALIST ATTEMPTS THAT AIM AT ESTABLISHING ALLIANCES AND DOMINANT GROUPINGS AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE (AFRICAN) CONTINENT UNQUOTE. THE TWO SIDES FURTHER REAFFIRMED THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION FOR ALL PEOPLES AND THEIR SUPPORT FOR "AFRICAN LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN NAMIBIA, ZIMBABWE AND SOUTHERN AFRICA."

3. THE COMMUNIQUE ADDED THAT BOTH GUINEA AND LIBYA RE-AFFIRM THEIR DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN FINDING SOLUTIONS TO AFRICAN PROBLEMS AND ESPECIALLY IN THE "ARABIAN SAHARA REGION" AND ERITREA. IN THIS CONNECTION, THE GUINEAN SIDE EXPRESSED ITS APPROVAL OF LIBYAN EFFORTS IN CHAD, AND BOTH SIDES PRAISED THE SUCCESS OF LIBYA'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEDIATION IN THE SOMALIA/ETHIOPIA ISSUE. IT WAS NOTED THAT RECONCILIATION BETWEEN SOMALIA AND ETHIOPIA QUOTE WILL NOT BECOME FUTILE UNLESS THE COLONIALISTS INTERFERE IN THE AFRICAN ISSUES UNQUOTE (AS RECEIVED).

4. IN THE ARAB SPHERE, THE COMMUNIQUE CALLED FOR CONTINUOUS COOPERATION BETWEEN AFRICAN AND ARAB STATES. BOTH SIDES ASSERTED THEIR "REVOLUTIONARY" AND "UNCONDITIONAL" SUPPORT FOR THE PALESTINIAN CAUSE.

5. THE COMMUNIQUE ALSO DEVOTED CONSIDERABLE ATTENTION TO ISLAMIC ISSUES AND TO THE ROLE OF ISLAM AS AN INTERNATIONAL AND PROGRESSIVE "FACT."

6. AS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL FIELD, GUINEA AND LIBYA REAFFIRMED THEIR ADHERENCE TO THE CHARTER AND PRINCIPLES OF THE UN. AT THE SAME TIME, THEY BELIEVE IT IS NECESSARY TO CHANGE THE UN CHARTER AND PARTICULARLY THE SECURITY COUNCIL IN ORDER TO BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH "CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS" IN THE WORLD AND WITH THE "REQUIREMENTS AND ASPIRATIONS" OF NATIONS. IN PARTICULAR, THE TWO SIDES CALLED FOR AN ABOLITION OF THE VETO.

7. THE COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED WITH LENGTHY COMMENTS ON THE SUCCESSES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE LIBYAN AND GUINEAN REVOLUTIONS. IN ADDITION, SEKOU TOURE EXTENDED AN OFFICIAL INVITATION TO QADHAFI TO VISIT GUINEA. THE INVITATION WAS ACCEPTED FOR A DATE TO BE DETERMINED.

8. COMMENT. THE GREAT BULK OF THE LONG COMMUNIQUE READS MORE LIKE AN EXCERPT FROM QADHAFI'S "GREEN BOOK" THAN A JOINT STATEMENT, AND INDEED, IT IS LARGELY A REITERATION OF QADHAFI'S APRIL 17 REMARKS AT SEKOU TOURE'S WELCOMING BANQUET (REFTEL A). WHAT IS EXCEPTIONAL IS THE GREATER EMPHASIS ACCORDED HERE TO THE "DESIRE" OF GUINEA AND LIBYA TO PARTICIPATE IN "FINDING A JUST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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